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Sanitary Inspector's,

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Altofts Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1913.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the annual report of the public health of your district for the year 1913.

The district is situated on the Southern slope of the Calder Valley, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Wakefield, $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Pontefract, and 10 miles from Leeds by road. It is bounded on the North and West by a loop of the River Calder, on the South and East by Newland, Normanton and Whitwood. From Hill Top Farm, at an altitude of 175 feet, the land slopes to the North, West and East to the river; where at Faties' Hill, the Eastern extremity of the district, the altitude is almost 50 feet above the sea-level.

The main road from Wakefield, across Stanley Ferry Bridge, runs for $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles through the district to Altofts Railway Station, and leads on to Whitwood, Castleford and Pontefract. Two roads branch North to Lake Lock and Pen Bank, and one South to Normanton. There are several footpaths which are kept in excellent condition. The main roads are very good.

Honse accomodation is good. 5 new houses have been built and fitted with Baths and W.C.'s.

Sewerage and drainage are sufficient in the main parts of the district.

The water supply is from Wakefield Corporation Reservoir at Ardsley. It is of excellent quality and free from the risks of pollution.

Places over which the Council have supervision:—Canal boats passing through the district.

Slaughter Houses:—There are six, all in good condition. Cowsheds:—Fourteen in number, all in good condition. There has been no Tuberculosis amongst the cows. There are 3 public elementary schools in good sanitary condition. There are no lodging houses, no milkshops, and no offensive trades. Nuisances are strictly looked after. Any matter affecting the public health is seen to at once.

Infectious disease is treated by isolation, and if necessary, by removal to the Joint Hospital at Ackton. There were 13 cases sent to the hospital during the year.

There were 18 cases of Scarlet Fever notified as against 13 the previous year. One of Puerperal Fever, and 25 cases of Tuberculosis.

The total number of deaths registered in the district was 58, making a death rate of 12·07. Two were transferred to other districts, and 5 were transferred from other districts to Altofts, making the nett deaths 61, and the rate 12·4.

The death rate for England and Wales for the same period was 13·7.

The number of births for the year was 176, making a birth-rate of 36·6.

The birth-rate for England and Wales for the same period was 23·9.

Bronchitis caused 4 deaths, Pneumonia 8, Heart Disease 5, Influenza 2, Appendicitis 1, Nephritis 2, Puerperal Fever 1, Congenital Debility and Premature Birth 11.

There were 29 deaths of children under 1 year, making the infant mortality 164·7 per 1000 births registered as against 75·8 for the previous year. There were 11 deaths from Epidemic Diarrhœa.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

H. SCHOLEFIELD.

Altofts Urban District Council.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ALTOFTS.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my report for the year 1913, I have again very great pleasure in stating that improvements in the sanitary condition of the district are continually being made. The assistance that I have obtained from the owners and tenants has helped to attain the standard which has been reached.

5 New Houses have been erected during the year, these have W.C.'s, Sanitary Ash Bins and Baths.

3 W.C.'s have been substituted for the old Privies. 3 Yards have been asphalted.

I still ask the inhabitants to assist in keeping the district clean and tidy by burning all the old paper and rubbish as far as possible.

There are still a large quantity of houses where the windows and doors are not kept wide open as often as they might be to get plenty of ventilation.

The Sewerage Works are in good order. The effluents are good and must be in good order as no reports have been received. The Council are improving the works by constructing 2 new sludge filters.

The Scavenging of the district is carried out by our own staff, and I am pleased to say that it has been done well, and the opinions passed by the inhabitants bears out my opinion.

I again ask the inhabitants to assist to carry out my previous suggestions, viz., burn all old paper, put broken glass bottles, etc., into hampers or boxes and place them on the kerb, the Bell carts will remove them every Monday morning. By so doing they will be assisting to carry out the sanitary arrangements.

The system I adopted when the Council undertook the work is still in hand and giving satisfaction.

The number of loads of nightsoil, etc., removed from the 1st January, 1913 to 31st December, 1913, was 3204, out of this number 312 loads were picked up by the Bell carts on Monday and Saturday mornings.

The farmers have again assisted greatly by taking a large quantity of nightsoil, etc. The tip over the canal has not yet been used.

I would ask all the owners who were written to some time ago to give instructions to have the various works carried out as quickly as possible.

The slaughterhouses, cowsheds, etc., have been visited and found in good order. I suggest that an extra coat of lime-wash would be beneficial in the cowsheds.

19 cases of infectious disease have been notified during the year, viz.—18 Scarlet Fever. 13 Patients were sent to the Hospital, the remaining 5 patients were treated at home. 1 Case of Puerperal Fever was notified making the total as above stated.

The nuisances which have arisen during the year have been remedied by the owners as soon as possible.

I am again pleased to say that no legal notices have been served, nor have any reports been made to the Council.

Carboline is distributed according to the Council's instructions, viz.—9 to 11 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

I again beg to thank the inhabitants and owners for the ready manner in which they have received my suggestions.

Yours obediently,

J. C. COATES.

